2025 ELECTIONS

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Please list your Community Activities:
I have been actively engaged in Winchester civic and political matters since 2004, and have lived here much longer.

Committees

- Climate Action Advisory Committee (appointed by Select Board) Current
- Climate Action Task Force (nominated by Planning Board; appointed by SB) Past
- Davidson Park Committee (appointed) Past
- Advisory Committee to Town Manager on Recycling (appointed by Town Manager). Past

I am founder and project director of the WIN Fast Forest initiative
I have worked with, serve on or have formally addressed these groups

- DPW
- Aberjona Initiative
- Grow Local

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- Friends of Winter Pond
- Town Center Initiative
- Conservation Commission
- Board of Health
- WHS AP environmental science classes
- Lincoln School Green Team
- Wright-Locke Farm
- Rotary Club
- TMM (since 2019)
- Brennan Speaker, 2017 Jenks Center

Questions to address in your candidate statement

What Winchester issues do you think are most important?

My biggest concern is people's tendency to substitute ideology or beliefs for accurate information. We are stretched thin with commitments; not recovered from COVID; and braced for "what's next." Still, that should not keep people from calling out lies and misinformation. Facts are still facts.

I care about finding and implementing best combination of

- top-quality town services including schools
- increasing mixed housing
- slowing the rate of tax increases
- implementing the CPA for best environmental stewardship.

Of those important issues, which one do you feel most passionate about, and what is your position on that issue?

I look forward to helping act on the following, which will decrease both town's carbon footprint and households' expenses.

- startup of the CPA
- changes in global recycling
- grants town has won

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- new electric municipal equipment

What does Winchester do well and what might be improved?

We have some terrific municipal staff and volunteers –sometimes it seems the town runs on volunteers! Thank you all -

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Write-in votes, Winchester election results now final

Election 2025 is now over. The results from the March 22 townwide elections have been certified by the Town Clerk's office. Town Clerk MaryEllen Marshall released the final numbers March 27, with 17.3% of Winchester residents casting a vote in the election, or 2,951 votes, out of

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NEWS

Newcomers win spots on Winchester Select Board, School Committee

It was the perfect Election Day — warm and sunny, with a steady stream of residents going into Winchester High School to cast their ballots. Preliminary results for the March 22 townwide election show 17.2 % of residents voted on Saturday. That's 2,933 votes cast, out of the town'

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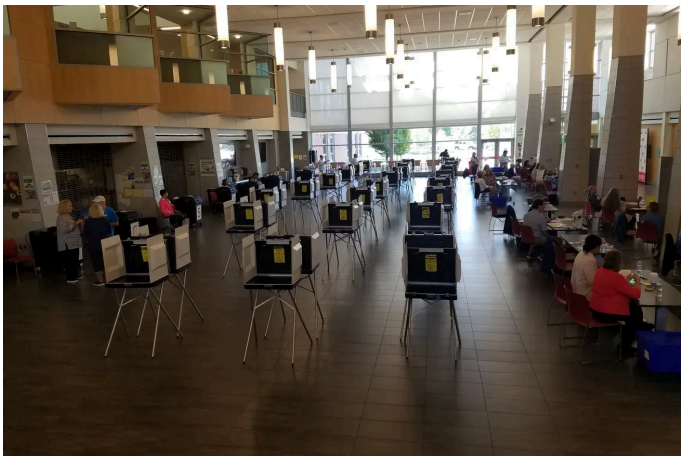

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Winchester Planning Board write-ins emerge ahead of Saturday election

Winchester voters head to the polls Saturday for municipal elections featuring contested races for Select Board and School Committee alongside an unexpected development — two write-in candidates vying for a Planning Board seat that initially have no contenders on the ballot. The March 22 election will take place at Winchester High

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Philip Frattaroli to be Winchester's 12th town moderator since 1915

It's a foregone conclusion. Philip Frattaroli will be Winchester's next town moderator. Sure, the townwide election is just days away, but Frattaroli is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by Heather von Mering, who has been in the role since March 2020. "I decided to take it

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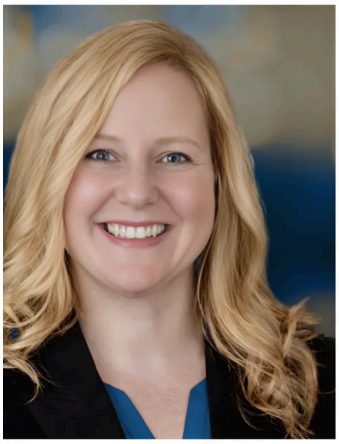

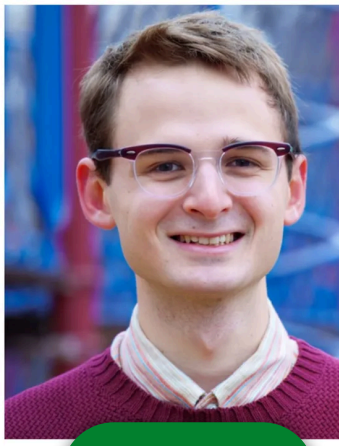

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Celebrate Women's History Month with Girls Leading Change

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: To mark Women's History Month and International Women's Day in 2026, the Network for Social Justice is collaborating with club leaders from Winchester High School and members of the Community Health team from La Colaborativa in Chelsea and

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Winchester School Committee candidates bring contrasting backgrounds to Thursday forum

Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents 'Syldason: You Are Welcome Here'

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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